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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		
9	FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
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11	LEVI STRAUSS & CO., $C_{\text{ase No.}}$ $C_{\text{Case No.}}$		
12	Plaintiff, COMPLAINT FOR FEDERAL		
13	TRADEMARK INFRINCEMENT;		
14	SELF EDGE; BLUE IN GREEN; HISTORY DILUTION; TRADEMARK		
15	PRESERVATION ASSOCIATES; TOYO INFRINGEMENT AND UNFAIR		
16 ±	LTD.; STUDIO D'ARTISAN RELIEF SOUGHT)		
17	and WORKS INC., JURY TRIAL DEMAND		
į	Defendants.		
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20	Plaintiff Levi Strauss & Co. ("LS&CO.") complains against defendants Self Edge, Blue in		
21	Green, History Preservation Associates, Toyo Enterprise Company, Ltd. Samurai Company, Ltd.,		
22	Studio D'Artisan International Company, Ltd., BS United, and Works Inc. (collectively "Defendants")		
23	as follows:		
24	<u>INTRODUCTION</u>		
25	1. By this action, plaintiff Levi Strauss & Co. ("LS&CO."), the famous San Francisco		
26	jeans maker, seeks to halt ongoing violations of its trademark rights and recover from Defendants all		
27	damages allowable by law. As further alleged below, Defendants have manufactured, offered for sale,		
28	advertised, and sold in this judicial district many pairs of jeans which openly imitate a number of		

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trademarks that LS&CO. has used for many years to identify its LEVI'S® brand jeans.

- 2. The harm to LS&CO. and consumers from Defendants' conduct is manifest. For well over a century, LS&CO. has manufactured and sold its famous branded jeans products. LS&CO. each year spends millions of dollars in advertising and marketing to build up the considerable good will it enjoys in its trademarks and its reputation with customers for fine quality products. The popularity of LS&CO.'s products and the value of LS&CO.'s trademarks will become severely compromised if Defendants are allowed to continue to manufacture and sell imitation jeans.
- 3. Defendants should be enjoined from continuing their infringement and dilution of LS&CO.'s marks, and should disgorge their profits to LS&CO. from sales of infringing products and compensate LS&CO. for its damages.

### JURISDICTION, VENUE AND INTRA-DISTRICT ASSIGNMENT

- 4. Plaintiff's first, second and third claims arise under the Trademark Act of 1946 (the Lanham Act), as amended by the Federal Trademark Dilution Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. §§ 1051, et seq.). This Court has jurisdiction over such claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1338(a) and 1338(b) (trademark and unfair competition), 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question) and 15 U.S.C. § 1121 (Lanham Act). This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the remaining state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 5. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because Defendants transact affairs in this district and because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims asserted arose in this district.
- 6. Intra-district assignment to any division of the Northern District is proper under Local Rule 3-2(c) and the Assignment Plan of this Court as an "Intellectual Property Action."

#### **PARTIES**

- 7. LS&CO. is a Delaware corporation which has its principal place of business at Levi's Plaza, 1155 Battery Street, San Francisco, California 94111. Operating since approximately the 1850's, LS&CO. is one of the oldest and best known apparel companies in the world. It manufactures, markets and sells a variety of apparel, including its traditional denim blue jean products.
  - 8. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant Self Edge is a California business

entity located at 714 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California 94110. LS&CO. is informed and believes that Self Edge distributes and sells lines of clothing, including jeans, under the brand names SUGAR CANE, SAMURAI JEANS, and IRON HEART, among others, which are offered for sale or sold in this judicial district and throughout the United States. LS&CO. is further informed and believes that Self Edge has authorized, directed, and/or actively participated in the wrongful conduct alleged herein.

- 9. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant Blue in Green is a New York limited liability company located at 8 Greene Street, New York, New York 10013. LS&CO. is informed and believes that Blue in Green distributes and sells lines of clothing, including jeans, under the brand names SUGAR CANE, SAMURAI JEANS, STUDIO D'ARTISAN, and ONI DENIM, among others, which are offered for sale or sold in this judicial district and throughout the United States. LS&CO. is further informed and believes that Blue in Green has authorized, directed, and/or actively participated in the wrongful conduct alleged herein.
- New Jersey business entity located in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. LS&CO. is informed and believes that History Preservation Associates distributes and sells lines of clothing, including jeans, under the brand names SUGAR CANE and BUZZ RICKSON'S, among others, which are offered for sale or sold in this judicial district and throughout the United States. LS&CO. is further informed and believes that History Preservation Associates has authorized, directed, and/or actively participated in the wrongful conduct alleged herein.
- 11. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant Toyo Enterprise Company, Ltd. ("Toyo") is a Japanese business entity with its principal place of business at 3-5-33-401 Kitaaoyama, Minato-ku, Japan. LS&CO. is informed and believes that Toyo manufactures and sells lines of clothing, including jeans, under the brand names SUGAR CANE and BUZZ RICKSON'S which are offered for sale or sold in this judicial district and throughout the United States. LS&CO. is further informed and believes that Toyo has authorized, directed, and/or actively participated in the wrongful conduct alleged herein.
  - 12. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant Samurai Co., Ltd. ("Samurai") is a

Japanese business entity with its principal place of business at Sebunhaitsukawabel 70 406, Nishinomiya Koshien, Hyogo 663-8177, Japan. LS&CO. is informed and believes that Samurai manufactures and sells a line of clothing, including jeans, under the brand name SAMURAI which is offered for sale or sold in this judicial district and throughout the United States. LS&CO. is further informed and believes that Samurai has authorized, directed, and/or actively participated in the wrongful conduct alleged herein.

- 13. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant Studio D'Artisan International Co., Ltd. ("Studio D'Artisan") is a Japanese business entity with its principal place of business at 2-11-18 Nishishinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka 542-0086, Japan. LS&CO. is informed and believes that Studio D'Artisan manufactures and sells a line of clothing, including jeans, under the brand name STUDIO D'ARTISAN which is offered for sale or sold in this judicial district and throughout the United States. LS&CO. is further informed and believes that Studio D'Artisan has authorized, directed, and/or actively participated in the wrongful conduct alleged herein.
- LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant BS United Inc. ("BS") is a Japanese business entity with its principal place of business at 3-111-1 Higashihatsuishi, Nagareyama, Japan. LS&CO. is informed and believes that BS manufactures and sells a line of clothing, including jeans, under the brand name ONI DENIM which is offered for sale or sold in this judicial district and throughout the United States. LS&CO. is further informed and believes that BS has authorized, directed, and/or actively participated in the wrongful conduct alleged herein.
- 15. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant Works Inc. ("Works") is a Japanese business entity with its principal place of business at 6-16-12 Jingumae, Sibuya-ku, 150-0001 Tokyo, Japan. LS&CO. is informed and believes that Works manufactures and sells a line of clothing, including jeans, under the brand name IRON HEART which is offered for sale or sold in this judicial district and throughout the United States. LS&CO. is further informed and believes that Works has authorized, directed, and/or actively participated in the wrongful conduct alleged herein.

# FACTS AND ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

## LS&CO.'s Use Of Its Trademarks

16. LS&CO. marks its LEVI'S® brand products with a set of trademarks that are famous

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around the world. For many years prior to the events giving rise to this Complaint and continuing to the present, LS&CO, annually has spent great amounts of time, money, and effort advertising and promoting the products on which its trademarks are used and has sold many millions of these products all over the world, including throughout the United States and in California. Through this investment and large sales, LS&CO. has created considerable goodwill and a reputation for quality products. LS&CO. continuously has used these trademarks, some for well over a century, to distinguish its products.

17. Most of LS&CO.'s trademarks are federally registered; all are in full force and effect, and exclusively owned by LS&CO. LS&CO. continuously has used each of its trademarks, from the registration date or earlier, until the present and during all time periods relevant to LS&CO.'s claims.

#### LS&CO.'s Arcuate Stitching Design Trademark

- 18. Among its marks, LS&CO. owns the famous Arcuate Stitching Design Trademark (the 13 is "Arcuate trademark"), which consists of a distinctive pocket stitching design that is the oldest known 14 diapparel trademark in the United States. LS&CO, has used the Arcuate trademark continuously since 1873 in interstate commerce on clothing products. LS&CO. first used the Arcuate trademark on jeans and later used it on trousers, pants, shorts, skirts, shirts and jackets. Examples of LS&CO.'s use of the 17 || Arcuate Trademark on LEVI'S® jeans are attached as Exhibit A.
  - LS&CO. owns, among others, the following United States and California Registrations 19. for its Arcuate trademark, attached as Exhibit B:
  - U.S. Registration No. 1,139,254 (first used as early as 1873; registered a. September 2, 1980);
    - b. U.S. Registration No. 404,248 (first used as early as 1873; registered November
  - These registrations have become incontestable under the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 1065.
  - c. U.S. Registration No. 2,791,156 (first used as early as September 1, 1936; registered December 9, 2003);
  - d. U.S. Registration No. 2,794,649 (first used as early as 1873; registered December 16, 2003);

16, 1943).

California Registration No. 088399 (first used as early as 1873; registered

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1	August 18, 1964);		
2	f. Registration No. 1,157,769 (first used as early as September 1, 1936; registered		
3	June 16, 1961).		
4	These registrations have become incontestable under the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 1065.		
5	g. Registration No. 2,791,156 (first used as early as September 1, 1936; registered		
6	December 9, 2003).		
7	LS&CO.'s Shirt Tab Trademark		
8	24. LS&CO. is also the owner of the famous Shirt Tab Device Trademark (the "Shirt Tab		
9	trademark"), which consists of a distinctive tab or marker of textile material appearing on and affixed		
10	permanently to the exterior of a shirt pocket. LS&CO. has used the Shirt Tab trademark continuously		
11	since 1969 in interstate commerce on clothing products. Examples of LS&CO.'s use of the Tab		
12	trademark on LEVI'S® jeans are attached as Exhibit E.		
13 -	25. LS&CO. owns, among others, the following United States and California Registrations		
14	for its Shirt Tab trademark, attached as Exhibit F:		
15 -	a. U.S. Registration No. 2,726,253 (first used as early as March 7, 1969;		
16	registered June 17, 2003);		
17	b. California Registration No. 052312 (first used as early as March 7, 1969;		
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19	LS&CO.'s Housemark Design Trademark		
20	26. LS&CO. is the owner of the Housemark Design Trademark (hereinafter "Housemark		
21	trademark"). LS&CO. first used the Housemark trademark in 1966 to identify genuine LEVI'S®		
22	products. Examples of LS&CO.'s use of the Housemark trademark are attached as Exhibit G.		
23	27. LS&CO. owns, among others, the following United States Registrations for its		
24	Housemark trademark, attached as Exhibit H:		
25	a. Registration No. 849,437 (first used as early as October 10, 1966; registered		
26	May 21, 1968);		
27	b. Registration No. 1,135,196 (first used as early as April 15, 1975; registered		
28	May 13, 1980);		

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1	c. Registration No. 1,041,846 (first used as early as April 15, 1975; registered		
2	June 22, 1976);		
3	d. Registration No. 1,122,468 (first used as early as October 22, 1977; registered		
4	July 17, 1979);		
5	e. Registration No. 1,155,926 (first used as early as December 1970; registered		
6	May 26, 1981).		
7	These registrations have become incontestable under the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 1065.		
8	LS&CO.'s Two Horse Design Trademark		
9	28. LS&CO. is the owner of the Two Horse Design and Two Horse Label Design		
10	Trademarks (hereinafter "Two Horse trademarks"). LS&CO. first used the Two Horse trademarks in		
11	1886 to identify genuine LEVI'S® products. Examples of the Two Horse trademarks are attached as		
12	Exhibit I.		
13	29. LS&CO. owns, among others, the following United States Registrations for its Two		
14	Horse trademarks, attached as Exhibit J:		
15	a. Registration No. 523,665 (first used as early as January 1, 1886; registered		
16	April 1, 1950);		
17	b. Registration No. 1,140,853 (first used as early as January 1, 1886; registered		
18	October 28, 1980).		
19	These registrations have become incontestable under the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 1065.		
20	Defendants' Infringement of LS&CO.'s Trademarks		
21	30. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant Toyo has in the past and continues to		
22	manufacture, source, market and/or sell SUGAR CANE and BUZZ RICKSON'S jeans that display		
23	designs that are confusingly similar to LS&CO.'s Arcuate, Tab, Shirt Tab, and Housemark trademarks.		
24	These designs include, without limitation, the designs shown in Exhibit K (the "Sugar Cane designs")		
25	and Exhibit L (the "Buzz Rickson's designs").		
26	31. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendants Toyo, Self Edge, Blue in Green, and		
27	History Preservation Associates have manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold substantial		
28	quantities of products bearing the Sugar Cane and Buzz Rickson's designs and others like them, and		

have obtained and continue to obtain substantial profits thereby.

- 32. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant Samurai has in the past and continues to manufacture, source, market and/or sell SAMURAI jeans that display designs that are confusingly similar to LS&CO.'s Arcuate and Tab trademarks. These designs include, without limitation, the designs shown in Exhibit M (the "Samurai designs").
- 33. LS&CO is informed and believes that defendants Samurai, Self Edge, and Blue in Green have manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold substantial quantities of products bearing the Samurai designs and others like them, and have obtained and continue to obtain substantial profits thereby.
- 10 34. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant Studio D'Artisan has in the past and continues to manufacture, source, market and/or sell STUDIO ARTISAN jeans that display designs that are confusingly similar to LS&CO.'s Arcuate, Tab, and Two Horse trademarks. These designs include, without limitation, the designs shown in Exhibit N (the "Studio D'Artisan designs").
- 15 have manufactured, marketed, distributed and/or sold substantial quantities of products bearing the
  16 Studio D'Artisan designs and others like them, and have obtained and continue to obtain substantial
  17 profits thereby.
  - 36. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant BS has in the past and continues to manufacture, source, market and/or sell ONI DENIM jeans that display designs that are confusingly similar to LS&CO.'s Arcuate and Tab trademarks. These designs include, without limitation, the designs shown in Exhibit O (the "Oni designs").
  - 37. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendants BS and Blue in Green have manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold substantial quantities of products bearing the Oni designs and others like them, and have obtained and continue to obtain substantial profits thereby.
  - 38. LS&CO. is informed and believes that defendant Works has in the past and continues to manufacture, source, market and/or sell IRON HEART jeans that display designs that are confusingly similar to LS&CO.'s Arcuate, Tab, and Two Horse trademarks. These designs include, without limitation, the designs shown in Exhibit P (the "Iron Heart designs").

LS&CO.'s registered Arcuate, Tab, Housemark, and Two Horse trademarks.  45. These acts of trademark infringement have been committed with the intent to confusion, mistake, or deception, and are in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1114.  46. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' infringing activities, LS&CO. suffered substantial damage.  47. Defendants' infringement of LS&CO.'s trademarks as alleged herein is an exceedand was intentional, entitling LS&CO. to treble its actual damages and to an award of at fees under 15 U.S.C. §§ 1117(a) and 1117(b).  SECOND CLAIM  FEDERAL UNFAIR COMPETITION  (False Designation of Origin and False Description)  (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a); Lanham Act § 43(a))  48. LS&CO. realleges and incorporates by reference each of the allegations contain paragraphs 1 through 47 of this Complaint.  49. Defendants' conduct constitutes the use of symbols or devices tending falsely describe the infringing products, within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1). Defendants' is likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception by or in the public as to the affiliation, con association, origin, sponsorship or approval of the infringing products to the detriment of LS&CO.	has eptional torneys'
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19 in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1).	
20 So. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' infringing activities, LS&CO.	has
21 suffered substantial damage.	
THIRD CLAIM	
FEDERAL DILUTION OF FAMOUS MARKS (Federal Trademark Dilution Act of 1995)	
(15 U.S.C. § 1125(c); Lanham Act § 43(c))	
51. LS&CO. realleges and incorporates by reference each of the allegations conta	ined in
paragraphs 1 through 50 of this Complaint.	
52. LS&CO.'s Arcuate, Tab, Housemark, and Two Horse trademarks are distincti	
21	ve and

1	amended.		
2	53.	Defendants' activities have diluted the distinctive quality of LS&CO.'s trademarks in	
3	violation of the Federal Trademark Dilution Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c).		
4	54.	LS&CO. is entitled to injunctive relief pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c).	
5	55.	Because Defendants willfully intended to trade on LS&CO.'s reputation or to cause	
6	dilution of LS&CO.'s famous trademarks, LS&CO. is entitled to damages, extraordinary damages,		
7	fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c)(2).		
8		FOURTH CLAIM	
9		CALIFORNIA DILUTION AND TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 14320, 14330, 14335, 14340)	
10	56.	LS&CO. realleges and incorporates by reference each of the allegations contained in	
11	paragraphs 1 tl	hrough 55 of this Complaint.	
12 -	57.	Defendants' infringement of LS&CO.'s federal and state registered trademarks is likely	
13	to cause consu	mer confusion and dilution of LS&CO.'s trademarks in violation of California Business	
14	& Professions	Code §§ 14320, 14330, and 14335.	
15	58.	Defendants infringed and diluted LS&CO.'s trademarks with knowledge and intent to	
16	cause confusio	on, mistake or deception.	
17	59.	Defendants' conduct is aggravated by that kind of willfulness, wantonness, malice and	
18	conscious indi	fference to the rights and welfare of LS&CO. for which California law allows the	
19	imposition of	exemplary damages.	
20	60.	Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code § 14340, LS&CO. is entitled to	
21	injunctive reli	ef and damages in the amount of three times Defendants' profits and three times all	
22	damages suffe	red by LS&CO. by reason of Defendants' manufacture, use, display or sale of infringing	
23	goods.		
24		FIFTH CLAIM  CALLEODNIA UNEAU COMPETITION	
25		CALIFORNIA UNFAIR COMPETITION (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200)	
26	61.	LS&CO. realleges and incorporates by reference each of the allegations contained in	
27	paragraphs 1 t	hrough 60 of this Complaint.	
28	62.	Defendants' infringement of LS&CO.'s trademarks constitutes "unlawful, unfair or	

Further infringing the rights of LS&CO. in and to any of its trademarks in its

origin, false or misleading description or representation of fact;

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LEVI'S® brand products or otherwise damaging LS&CO.'s goodwill or business reputation;

- d. Otherwise competing unfairly with LS&CO. in any manner; and
- e. Continuing to perform in any manner whatsoever any of the other acts complained of in this Complaint;
- 68. Adjudge that Defendants be required immediately to supply LS&CO.'s counsel with a complete list of individuals and entities from whom or which they purchased, and to whom or which they sold, offered for sale, distributed, advertised or promoted, infringing products as alleged in this Complaint;
- 69. Adjudge that Defendants be required immediately to deliver to LS&CO.'s counsel their entire inventory of infringing products, including without limitation pants and any other clothing, packaging, labeling, advertising and promotional material and all plates, patterns, molds, matrices and other material for producing or printing such items, that is in Defendants' possession or subject to their control and that infringes LS&CO.'s trademarks as alleged in this Complaint;
  - 70. Adjudge that Defendants, within thirty (30) days after service of the judgment demanded herein, be required to file with this Court and serve upon LS&CO.'s counsel a written report under oath setting forth in detail the manner in which they have complied with the judgment;
    - 71. Adjudge that LS&CO. recover from Defendants its damages and lost profits in an amount to be proven at trial,
    - 72. Adjudge that Defendants be required to account for any profits that are attributable to their illegal acts, and that LS&CO. be awarded the greater of (1) three times Defendants' profits or (2) three times any damages sustained by LS&CO., under 15 U.S.C. § 1117, plus prejudgment interest;
    - 73. Order an accounting of and impose a constructive trust on all of Defendants' funds and assets that arise out of Defendants' infringing activities;
    - 74. Adjudge that Defendants be required to pay LS&CO. punitive damages for their oppression, fraud, malice and gross negligence, whether grounded on proof of actual damages incurred by LS&CO. or on proof of Defendants' unjust enrichment;
    - 75. Adjudge that LS&CO. be awarded its costs and disbursements incurred in connection with this action, including LS&CO.'s reasonable attorneys' fees and investigative expenses; and

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1	76. Adjudge that all such other relief be awarded to LS&CO. as this Court deems just and	
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